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Dear Commissioners:

It is a tradition of the House of Representatives to honor Chairmen of its standing committees with official portraits for display in the committee rooms. It is my intent to support and seek support from my colleagues for resources to commission a portrait of the Honorable Henry B. Gonzalez. In this context, I am requesting an advisory opinion on whether federal election laws would permit Members of Congress such as myself to use campaign funds to pay for the commissioning of an official portrait of a former Committee Chairman.

I would appreciate any advice you could provide me.

Sincerely,

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Chairman